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Biography:

Debroah Leonard is a 1981 graduate of North Carolina State University with a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Political Science and Criminal Justice. She has received her Masters Degree in Public Administration with a minor in Personnel from East Carolina University in 1991. She is currently completing her Ph.D. in Community Preparedness and Disaster Management with a concentration in Homeland Security. She was a member of the Wilson Police Department as a Patrol Office II for 10 years and served as their K-nine officer. She has been a certified law enforcement officer for 25 years and is currently a Wilson County Sheriff's Deputy. She has a certification in Community Preparedness and Disaster Management from Chapel Hill. Debroah is a National Child Passenger Safety Instructor, which instructs law enforcement and emergency service workers on how to instruct parents in the proper installation of child seats. She also instructs law enforcement and emergency service workers, such as volunteer fire departments, in traffic safety at checkpoints, traffic crashes and incident management scenes. She started her career with the Department of Transportation in 1990 as a Safety Officer for Division Four and is currently serving as the Division's Safety Consultant. She is the author of the Spill Response Manual and the Swift and High Water Training Manuals. She received the Statewide CPI award for Best Overall Project in 2002 for her Guardrail Tagging project, which is now being used statewide and in three surrounding states. She has 16 years of service with NCDOT. Debroah lives in Wilson and has a sister that works for DOT and a brother with CSX Transportation.